

## MAKING READY FOR WAR.

SCENES IN JOHANNESBURG WHEN THE BOER ARMY WAS RAISED.

THE COMING OF RAIN MADE HOSTILITIES POSSIBLE—A YANKEE'S PRECAUTIONS.

The current "Independent" publishes an article on "The Preparation of the Boers" from the pen of an American living in Johannesburg. In it the writer said that "to-day's mail will probably be the last to leave Johannesburg for weeks, perhaps months. All the Outlander newspapers are expected to be suspended, and no news except such as has filtered through the Government censorship will be allowed to reach the public. We shall be in the position of those who are in the midst of the conflict and know less about it than those at a distance."

Speaking of the way in which the Boers had re-

his accounts were made up. The money due to him was paid; General Ward, in a word, dismissed him from his force, with the stern warning that if he came back he should be flogged as an unauthorized camp follower. He was set on his pony, and escorted by an officer and a file of men to the other side of the Blood River, and there turned adrift on the world.

Butler's organ suspended publication until the arrival of better days, which will be interpreted by the Outlanders as meaning a resumption when the British flag floats over the Transvaal capital.

CECIL RHODES AND J. B. ROBINSON.

From The London Star.

When Cecil Rhodes was under examination by the House of Commons Committee of Inquiry into the Raid he naively remarked that he had no idea of overthrowing President Kruger in order to make

## THE LADYSMITH OF TO-DAY

AN INTENSELY ENGLISH LITTLE PLACE IN THE MOUNTAINS.

STRONGLY FORTIFIED. THE ALDERSHOT OF NATAL IS WELL PROTECTED FROM ASSAULT.

From The London Mail.

When I left Ladysmith, in July last, there was a vague unrest in the air, a subtle drawing together of the townsfolk and the soldiers at the camp, and a tense feeling of expectation of something we knew not what.

Ordinarily Ladysmith is a quiet, dull little place, intensely English, in so far that there is absolutely no Dutch element to disturb the solidly English serenity of the township—for it is little more.

Twenty houses scattered within a score or so miles from Ladysmith. Leather, for instance, is fifteen miles away; Frere (Acton Homes), where General Buller's first engagement took place, is twenty-four miles; and Little Tugela Waterfall is about thirty. Round about are many more or less isolated farms, English farms, where they really do farm, not Dutch farms, where they do everything except farm; and on one of these, Parquhar's Farm, the battle of Monday took its acutest phase.

Speaking as a resident, and one who knows the country, there need be no fear that we shall lose Ladysmith. The earthworks surrounding the town are ample sufficient to protect the town. Every hill, bluff and distinctive point of attack for miles round has been carefully measured for shooting purposes. The site of the camp itself was chosen by a board of officers specially appointed for the purpose, and the military position of the place has been studied and developed during the last two years by the most expert local military advice.

The natural advantages and defenses of the town have been enhanced and strengthened by carefully planned redoubts at any possibly vulnerable points. The danger of the place being rushed is absolutely nil, because the immediate surroundings are open and bare to nakedness, so that there is no possibility of surprise. Any one approaching

B. Altman &amp; Co.

## ORIENTAL DEPARTMENT.

Rich Eastern Embroideries, Standard and Hanging Lamps, Moucharabie Screens, Persian Brasses and various Odd Pieces of Oriental Furniture.

The arrangement of the Department suggests many styles for the Decoration of Rooms, Studios, Smoking Rooms, etc.

A special feature for Monday will be the sale of

500 LOUNGING CUSHIONS, formerly \$4.50, at . . . \$2.90  
250 ORIENTAL LAMPS, formerly \$2.50, at . . . \$1.40

## SILK DEPARTMENT.

Persian Designs and Colors in Printed Velour Panna, (Now employed in Late Paris Models.)

Also recent shipments of Satin Faced Crepe in Evening shades, including the new Pastels in 24 and 45 inch widths.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.

Several Thousand Yards FANCY SILKS, suitable for Evening and Street wear, value \$1.50 per yard, at . . . \$1.00  
Imported BLACK SATIN DUCHESSE, 25 1/2 inches wide, heretofore \$2.50 per yard, at . . . 1.65

## FURS AND FUR GARMENTS.

RICH RUSSIAN and HUDSON BAY SABLES, BLACK AND SILVER FOXES, REAL CHINCHILLAS, FINE BROADTAILS, EASTERN MINKS, Etc.

FUR LINED CAPEL SEALSKIN AND PERSIAN LAMB COATS.

Also Fur Trimmings and Fur Skins.

## LADIES' COAT AND WRAP DEPT.

COATS, PALETOTS, LONG GARMENTS AND CAPEL.

Attention is especially directed to the following

TAILOR COATS:

Black Cheviot, Satin lined, \$0.75 Black Kersey, silk lined, \$12.50  
Value \$12.75. Value \$15.00

Black Cheviot, Unfinished Worsted or Oxford, silk lined, \$15.00  
Value \$21.00

## BOYS' CLOTHING.

Double-breasted and Three Piece Suits; Sailor and Middy Suits; Russian Blouse Suits; Top Coats and Reefers; Cape Coats and Russian Coats.

Also a complete assortment of Hats and Caps, Shirt Waists and Blouses.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th.

DOUBLE-BREASTED SUITS of Mixed Cheviot, sizes Eight to Fifteen years; value \$6.50, at . . . \$4.00  
SAILOR SUITS of Blue Serge; sizes Four to Nine years; value \$6.50 and \$7.50, at . . . \$4.50  
REEFERS of Blue Frieze, plaid linings, Ulster Collar, value \$6.50, at . . . \$4.50

Eighteenth Street, Nineteenth Street and Sixth Avenue.



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## Suits, Capes, Jackets, Furs.

Good Furs.

MAN TAILORED STREET COSTUMES in light gray, Oxford and blue, made with jaunty double-breasted, tight-fitting jacket, taffeta lined, with a wide velvet collar, skirt made with very latest braid; sold in other stores for \$25.00. Our special price is . . . 16.50

TAILOR-MADE JACKETS, of black kersey, lined throughout with fine silk; this number comes in black only; all sizes from 32 up. . . 6.75

TAILOR-MADE JACKETS, imported Kersey Cloth, Tan, Castor, Brown, Blue and Black; special prices for Monday, in Black and Oxford. . . 7.50, 10.00, 12.50

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## Another Lot of Oriental Rugs.

We shall offer for this week a fresh lot of the most magnificent Turkish and Persian Rugs we have ever exhibited. It contains many rare examples of Oriental textile art, in the most subdued, mellow and soft pile textures. These goods are shown just as they arrived, in their original bale forms.

Lot of 200 Shirvans, value \$11-\$15.00, average size 4 ft. x 6 ft., at this sale. . . 5.98, 7.48.

Lot of 150 Antique Circassians, value \$18-\$20, average size 7 ft. x 9 ft., at this sale. . . 13.25, 14.25.

Lot of 120 Antique Caucasians, value \$30-\$35, average size 8 ft. x 10 ft., at this sale. . . 18.98, 22.75.

Also a variety of Hall Runners, India Carpets, Sennah and Purluk Rugs, at surprisingly low prices.

\$35-\$45 Antique, silky Bokhara Gema, averaging 5 ft. x 7 ft., at this sale. . . 18.98, 20.98, 25.75.

3 bales containing 210 Antique Kilim Rugs, beautiful examples; worth double. . . 4.98, 5.98, 7.25.

Hundreds of Real Bagdads, from . . . 2.75 to 5.48.



BOERS MARCHING THROUGH JOHANNESBURG TO THE FRONT.

spended to their country's call, this American remarked:

One cannot withhold a tribute of praise to this people at the way they have sprung to arms and to meet in battle array the night of British's Empire. There has been no inspiring music of life and drum, no stirring addresses. None of these things were needed. When notice was given that arms would be given out, all day long the burghers were waiting, eager to obtain the coveted Mauser. On Wednesday night last week came the first rain after months without a drop. The Boers have been waiting for this, prolonging negotiations for it, for without water and grass they could not move. Wednesday night came a general downpour, and Thursday most active campaigning began.

According to the Transvaal law any citizen may be required to contribute £10 for war purposes. When articles worth more than this are taken the owner gets a receipt. This receipt is supposed to be exchangeable some time, but the supposition is apparently not always borne out by the facts. It is related that at the time of the Jameson raid six horses belonging to a British subject were taken. Later on, when he presented his receipt for payment, he was blandly informed that the horses were dead, and, of course, he couldn't expect the Transvaal Government to pay for dead horses.

DEPARTURES FOR JOHANNESBURG.

For months prior to the outbreak of hostilities there was a continual exodus from Johannesburg, and when it was realized that war was certain the number of refugees ran from one thousand to two thousand a day. Among other things the writer said:

In the mean time pathetic scenes were witnessed at the station as the armed burghers remained and away to the border. Old and gray-headed men, who knew what war was, with solemn, though determined faces, young men with red blood and hot brains, and a host of women, daughters, sweethearts, bidding goodbye with tearful faces, but courage unflinching, as they say, "Boys, do your duty, and well, there ought to be some better way out of this tangle than shooting such people as these."

Johannesburg looks as if it were already in a state of siege. Most of the stores have barricaded their windows with either wood or galvanized iron. Some buildings already by the national flag of their owners. One enterprising Yankee has barricaded his store and painted in large letters outside, "American property." Several German flags are flying.

All nationalities except British will be allowed to remain without special permits on producing passports proving their nationality. British subjects will be obliged to leave unless they secure special permits to remain. Special police are to be sworn in for the protection of Johannesburg. These will come from the Outlanders, who will be allowed to take an oath that they will do nothing against the Government.

There are more ways than one of raising a loan in time of war—witness the "greenbacks" during the American Civil War. This Government is anxious that it should be able to keep one way or another that it has amended the Gold law, providing for confiscation in case a mine closes down, and absolutely compelling to do so in case of times are dangerous times; therefore the Government will provide special protection. It is going to take the dangerous times, and return the balance after the war is over! And yet some people say these Boers do not understand finance.

AFRAID OF BULLER.

AN INCIDENT IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 1879 THAT SHOWS HIS CHARACTER.

From The London News.

In one of his letters sent home from South Africa in 1879 Mr. Forbes tells a story that will be read with interest just now. A young Englishman of good family had been appointed to a commission in the Pioneer Column, and was sent to the front. His command had turned out a troublesome character, and he had been made subject to fits and occasionally "went out." "Last night before lights were out," said Mr. Forbes, "I heard him swearing to himself in a very excited way, and he was shouting out words, so excited that he fancied he had. Later, when the camp was quiet, he looked off his revolver in his hand and there was naturally a general commotion. No alarm was sounded, but in an instant my man turned out and fell into his place, with the regularity of machinery, and total absence of confusion that struck me as a testimony strongly to the discipline and morale of the force. 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